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Regional President Attends Massanetta Springs Conference

Julie Moore

Julie Moore, Longwood Regional President and one of the State Vice Presidents of the Future Business Leaders of America, attended the FBLA state Leadership Conference held at Massanetta Springs Hotel in Harrisonburg, Virginia the week of July 15-19. Julie is a rising senior at Appomattox County High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace D. Moore. She was accompanied by co-advisor Mrs. William Alvis and her husband.

There were approximately 175 high school students and advisors in attendance from the seven regions in the state. The week featured classes in leadership training, chapter activities, program planning, and parliamentary law. During general sessions in depth discussions were held on PROJECT HELP for the March of Dimes. The local chapter will be selling trash bags in November and January to help reach the state goal of $63,000 by 1976.

Some of the group activities enjoyed during the week were group pictures, a watermelon party, a scavenger hunt, a trip to the Massanutten Caverns, the annual birthday dinner, and team skits.

We wrapped up the week with our last general session Friday morning. In this meeting a summary of the week was given. Also, chapters that obtained the Gold Seal Award at the National Conference in San Francisco were honored. For a chapter to receive this award is quite an achievement, and Appomattox County High School was among the schools in Virginia to receive this award.

Burial Practices and Cost

Extension Agent Cornell B. Goldman will be host of the Virginia Tech Farm and Home Show Saturday, August 17, 8:00 a.m. on WLVA TV. His program will be on Burial Practices and Cost. Guests for the program are Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Director of Community Funeral Home and Misters L. A. Franklin and Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr. of Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral. Home.

Fair Grounds

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The Pastor Speaks

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where there is injury . . . pardon
where there is doubt . . . faith
where there is despair . . . hope
where there is darkness . . . light
where there is sadness . . . joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled . . . as to console,
To be understood . . . as to understand
To be loved . . . as to love, for
It is in giving . . . that we receive,
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned,
It is in dying . . . that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, August 18, 1974
Topic: **Freedom in Christ**

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

In both the Letters to the Galatians and to the Colossians Paul maintains the thesis that Jesus Christ has set the believer free: free from superstitions, free from rituals, free from the death sin brings. In both letters he introduced this concept because of erroneous teachings. The churches in Galatia, the first which Paul founded, where early divided by the Judaizers over the question of whether it was necessary for a believer to conform to Jewish rites and practices and specifically to the rite of circumcision in order to be a Christian.

The heresy in the church at Colossae, which p r om p t e d Paul's letter to the Christians there, was multi-faceted. it taught that there were avenues of approach to God other than Christ, that Christ alone was not adequate for man's redemption, that the elemental spirits of the universe were the fullness of the divine powers through which God rules the world, that it was necessary to conform to certain rules and rituals. In the teachings of this heresy was an incipient Gnosticism which held that through knowledge one could understand the "mysteries."

Paul countered, as we have seen in two previous International Sunday School lessons based on Colossians, the concept that there were other approaches, even better and more adequate, than Christ by showing the primacy of Christ in creation, in redemption, and in the universe. "In him" - - not in the "thrones or dominions or principalities or powers" - - "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell."

Now the apostle shows that the teachings of human speculation and the regulations the teachers would impose upon believers deprive them of their freedom in Christ, just as he had shown the Galatian Christians that the requirement of circumcision would deprive them of the freedom Christ had given them. A believer's inerserity is judged not by his conformity to rules about food and drink or by his observance of festivals or new moons or sabbaths. His standing as a Christian is not to be determined on the basis of his self-abasement - - ascetic practices which abused his body - - or worship of angels or reliance on visions or the imaginations of his mind.

All these things which the teachers of the heresy advocated are appearance rather than substance. "These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh." These doctrines may be attractive to the intellect, but they are s u p p e rficial and mistaken. "These are only a shadow of what is to come; the substance belongs to Christ."

The doctrines taught by those who promoted this heresy in Colossae would really enslave those who subscribed to them. In them are the makings of a new superstition: if one fails to conform to the rules in every reespect, he antagonizes and alientates God. Thus he puts himself back in his old situation before he accepted the redemption offered in Christ. He makes himself a slave to the rules of food and drink and festivals and new moons and sabbaths - - to form and ritual.

In his redemmed state, man's relationship with God involves much more significant matters than these. True, salvation does not give a person the liberty to do as he pleases or to follow his own impulses and desires; Paul discusses this in Colossians also. Man's relationship with God involves love and faith and hope; it requires giving God the priority in life and in mind; and it insists that a man treat his fellows as he would be treated because both have the same Creator Father and are thus brothers. As a person, the believer s o lives as if he "still belo the world." Rather he is child of God, willingly ob to God through Jesus and free from bondage world and the powe darkness and evil.

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Double Squash

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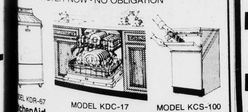
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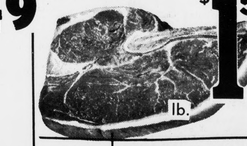
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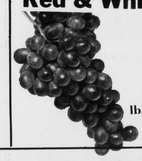
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